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1. SUMMARY: FEDERAL INTERVENTOR BRUNELLO IS ATTEMPTING A BALANCING ACT IN CORDOBA, TO REAL SATISFACTION OF NO ONE. HE DOES NOT HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE OF PERONIST LEFT AND UCR AND HAS IRRITATED PERONIST RIGHT BY REFUSING TO FAVOR THEM. LEFTIST DEPUTIES AND SENATORS IN PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE CONTINUE TO REFUSE TO RESIGN, THUS LEAVING "ORTHODOX" SECTOR WITH A MINORITY. END SUMMARY.

2. EARLIER FEARS (INSPIRED BY HIS APPARENT TIES TO LOPEZ REGA) THAT BRUNELLO WOULD FAVOR THE RIGH IN CORDOBA APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN UNFOUNDED. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HIM, MOREOVER, SUGGESTS HE MAY BE CLOSER TO CON MIN GELBARD THAN TO LOPEZ REGA. SINCE ASSUMING DUTIES, HE HAS MOVED CAUTIOUSLY AND EVEN HANDEDLY. IN NAMING PROVINCIAL CABINET, FOR EXAMPLE, HE WAS CAREFUL TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL THE MAJOR TENDENCIES WITHING THE PROVINCIAL PERONIST MOVEMENT. THIS HAS ANGERED THE PERONIST RIGHT WING--AND ESPCIALLY THE LABOR SECTOR, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH BELIEVES IT SHOULD HAVE GOT THE LIONS SHARE OF THE

JOBS. "ORTHODOX" LABOR LEADERS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN IN BA COMPLAINING TO INTERIOR MINISTER LLAMBI. THE UCR AND THE PERONIST LEFT, WHILE RELIEVED THAT BRUNELLO HAS NOT SIDED WITH THE RIGHT, REMAIN DISSATISFIED AND BELIEVE BRUNELLO AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE MORE DECISIVE MEASURES TO CONTROL THE RIGHTISTS. MANY UCR FIGURES MOREOVER CONTINUE TO SAY THEY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED ENRIQUE OSELLA MUNOZ AS INTERVENTOR AND THEY FEEL CHEATED BECAUSE HE WAS NOT APPOINTED.

3. ONE OF BRUNELLO'S THORNIER PROBLEMS IS WITH THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE. PRO OBREGON CANO DEPUTIES AND SENEATORS HAVE SO FAR REFUSED TO SUBMIT THEIR RESIGNATIONS. TOGETHER WITH UCR, THEY CONSTITUTE A MAJORITY. ENRIQUE OSELLA MUNOZ (WHO ALTHOUGH NOT APPOINTED INTERVENTOR IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH BRUNELLO) TOLD EMBOFFS MAR 26 THAT HE HAS TRIED-- APPARENTLY WITHOUT MUCH SUCCESS--TO PERSUADE OBREGON CANO TO ORDER THEM TO RESIGN. EVEN IF OBREGON CANO DID SO ORDER THEM, OSELLA MUNOZ ADMITS, THEY MIGHT NOT HEED HIS ORDER. NONETHELESS, OSELLA MUNOZ WAS STRONGLY OF THE OPINION THAT PERON'S PROMISE MUST BE KEPT; THE LEGISLATURE MUST NOT BE INTERVENED, AND WHETHER OR NOT THE OBREGON CANO PEOPLE RESIGN, ALL LEGISLATORS MUST BE FULLY RESPECTED IN THEIR POSITIONS.

4. SECURITY SITUATION IN CORDOBA REPORTEDLY HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. SPORADIC GUNFIRE IS HEARD AROUND CITY AT NIGHT, HOWEVER, AND OF COURSE BOMBINGS KIDNAPPINGS AND OTHER TERRORISTS ACTS CONTINUE THERE JUST AS IN OTHER CITIES.

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